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MIKE ANDERS: President Reagan has signed into law legislation which punishes anyone who rips away the cloak of secrecy from the men and women in the cloak-and-dagger business.

WASH-FM's White House correspondent Joe Ewalt says the signing ceremony took place in the light of day at CIA Headquarters in Langley, Virginia.

JOE EWALT: The Administration turned this bill-signing into a major production to emphasize President Reagan's support for the measure being signed and to boost morale at the CIA. Hundreds of agency clerical employees are gathered on a sunny hillside to hear patriotic music and to witness the President's signature. Reagan spoke with the secret agents inside the CIA Headquarters building. Reporters were kept outside.

All the hoopla commemorates the signing of legislation imposing fines and prison sentences on people who would reveal the names of covert agents.

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